Registration of Overseas Corporate bodies

†2303. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
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Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of overseas corporate bodies have been formed and registered at the same address during the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the number of firms operating from the same address;

(c) whether it is possible that ten to sixty firms can operate from the same address; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Department of Company Affairs does not maintain information on overseas corporate bodies.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Notification of the Repealing and Amending Act, 2001

2304. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent notification of the Repealing and Amending Act of 2001 on 3rd September, 2001 by Government has created controversies and confusion both in legal and commercial circles;

(b) whether this Act has sought to repeal various amending statutes listed in the First Schedule to the Act;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether this Act, in effect, has caused the rescindment of the amended statutes; and

(d) whether the judiciary has refused to entertain such proceedings on the basis of interpretation suggested by the Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) It was brought to the notice of the Government that on the repeal of the Banking, Public Financial Institutions and Negotiable Instruments Laws (Amendment) Act, 1988 by the Repealing and Amending Act, 2001, the courts did not entertain new complaints of bouncing of cheques under sections 138 to 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. With a view to dispel the misunderstanding, the Government immediately issued a press release explaining the true effect and scope of the Repealing and Amending Act, 2001. The position has also been explained to the Bar Council of India with the request to disseminate the correct position to others concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The misunderstanding was not warranted by the Act in question. However, the correct position has been clarified.

Special courts for rape victims

2305. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Chief Justice of India at the Judicial colloquy organised by the National Judicial Academy of India on 5th September, 2001, calling upon judges to ensure that victims of rapes and other such indignities are not subjected to further indignities at the trial stage;

(b) whether any special court is proposed to be set up for trial of such cases and special procedure for their trial has been or being evolved in the light of CJA's observations; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?